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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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MR. DAVID ARCHUAL
MANAGER: EXTERNAL RELATIONS
CORPORATE QUALITY ASSURANCE
BRIDGESTONE FIRESTONE NORTH AMERICAN TIRE, LLC
535 MARRIOTT DRIVE
NASHVILLE TN 37214

NVS-215kjs
08T-023

Subject: FMVSS 119/SIDEWALL MARKINGS/PETITION

Dear MR. ARCHUAL:

This letter serves to acknowledge Bridgestone Firestone North American Tire, LLC's (BFNT) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 119, "New pneumatic tires for motor vehicles with a GVWR of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) and motorcycles," with the tires listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Tires/Tire Brands/Tire Sizes:

BRIDGESTONE/ACCOLADE/4.00-18
BRIDGESTONE/ACCOLADE/3.50-19
BRIDGESTONE/ACCOLADE/3.50-19
BRIDGESTONE/BATTLAX/90/90-10
BRIDGESTONE/BATTLAX/3.50-10
BRIDGESTONE/RS10/2.50-17
BRIDGESTONE/SP UNIVERSAL/3.50-8

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08T-023

Mfg's Report Date: August 13, 2008

Components: TIRES: MARKINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,202

Summary:

VARIOUS BRANDS OF BRIDGESTONE BIAS MOTORCYCLE AND MOTORCYCLE SCOOTER TIRES FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE LABELING REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 119, "NEW PNEUMATIC TIRES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES WITH A GVWR OF MORE THAN 4,536 KILOGRAMS (10,000 POUNDS) AND MOTORCYCLES."

Consequence:

SEE NOTES.

Remedy:

SEE NOTES.

Notes:

THE MANUFACTURER IS PETITIONING NHTSA FOR A DETERMINATION THAT THIS MATTER IS INCONSEQUENTIAL WITH RESPECT TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY. THE MANUFACTURER IS NOT OBLIGATED TO CONDUCT AN OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY CAMPAIGN UNTIL NHTSA HAS RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER IS CONSEQUENTIAL.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement